

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 17, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 through 4, 6 through 20, and 22 through 32 are currently pending, with claims 1, 10, 16, 23, and 28 being independent claims. Claims 1, 10, 16, 23, and 28 are currently amended. Claims 5 and 21 are cancelled without admission and without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the canceled subject matter in one or more Continuation applications. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and entry of the same is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 5 and 21 are deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that these claims are allowable if rewritten. At the present juncture, the Applicant has rewritten these claims as the Examiner suggested.

For at least all of the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and objections, and favorable consideration of the claims in light of the newly amended claims is respectfully solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.


Respectfully submitted,

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